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EXDIS FOR AMB FROM DICK MOOSE, USUN FOR PETRIE

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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA CONTRACT GROUP MEETING WITH NYERERE

REF: A) USUN 2770; B) SPAIN/MOOSE TELECON 7/1

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR VIEWS, AS STATED REF (B), CONCERNING DELETIONS FROM TALKING POINTS WITH THE SECRETARY. WHILE HE GAVE SERIOUS WEIGHT TO YOUR CONCERNS, IT IS HIS JUDGMENT THAT THE CONTACT GROUP DECISION CONTAINED REF (A) SHOULD STAND IN SO FAR AS TOMORROWS MEETING IS CONCERNED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONTACT GROUP SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT USE THE FALL BACK POSITION TOMORROW. THE SECRETARY BELIEVES,

HOWEVER, THAT THE FALL BACK SHOULD BE PUT FORWARD AT A PROMPT FOLLOW-UP MEETING SHOULD NYERERE'S REACTION TOMORROW BE NEGATIVE.

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2. SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT THE POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE WHICH I DISCUSSED WITH YOU FOR THE THIRD SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH 1 OF TALKING POINTS RE WALVIS BAY IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECONVENE THE CONTACT GROUP THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

BEFORE THE FOURTH OF JULY (EVEN THE BRITISH ARE SAID TO BE CELEBRATING SOMETHING). THUS, IF ANYTHING IS TO BE DONE, IT IS UP TO YOU TO PERSUADE YOUR COLLEAGUES THERE TO MAKE THIS SMALL BUT IMPORTANT ADDITION. MC HENRY

DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT. NEITHER HE NOR I CONSIDER THE CHANGE TO BE SUBSTANTIVE. RATHER, IT IS AN ADMITTEDLY SUPER-CAUTIOUS HEDGE AGAINST TWO CONCEIVABLE MISINTERPRETATIONS: (1) THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT WALVIS BAY MUST BE TREATED NOW AS AN (INTEGRAL) PART OF NAMIBIA, OR (B), WHICH IS THE SECRETARY'S PRINCIPAL CONCERN, THAT WE ARE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO SOMETHING MORE THAN AN EFFORT IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS REPEAT SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSITION OF INCLUSION. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER THE SECRETARY WISHES YOU TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO PRESIDENT NYERERE FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN WE HAVE TO DATE. VANCE

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